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THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING
REPORT FROM FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT.
BEGIN TEXT:

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE VISIT OF LIBYAN CHIEF OF STATE
IN UGANDA, THE LOCAL PRESS AND TELEVISION STARTED TO
EMPHASIZE SOVIET DELIVERIES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT MEN-
TIONED IN EMBASSY REPORTING AND WHICH HAVE MEANWHILE
ARRIVED, AS WELL AS A SQUADRON OF MIG-17 FIGHTERS (SIX
TO NINE PLANES).

THE BASIS OF THESE REPORTS WAS AN AUDIENCE OF THE SOVIET
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AMBASSADOR WITH PRESIDENT AMIN ON THE OCCASION OF THE

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RETURN OF THREE HIGH-RANKING UGANDAN OFFICERS FROM A PERIOD OF TRAINING IN THE SOVIET UNION. AMONG THEM WAS BRIGADIER ARUBE, WHO HAD BEEN CHIEF OF STAFF UNTIL HIS MOSCOW VISIT. PRESIDENT AMIN TOOK THE OCCASION TO THANK THE AMBASSADOR FOR THE "GIFTS" THAT HAD ARRIVED AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE MIG FIGHTERS, AS WELL AS THE SQUADRON OF MIGS CONTRIBUTED BY QADHAFI, WERE "GOOD FOR THE BALANCE OF POWER IN EAST AFRICA". UGANDA WOULD BE ABLE TO DEFEND ITSELF AND, IF NECESSARY, COME TO THE ASSISTANCE OF ITS BROTHERS IN ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE, RHODESIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA.

THE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THE SOVIET MILITARY
BY THE PRESIDENT MAY BE DESIGNED TO SMOOTH OVER SOVIET CONCERN ABOUT THE STRONG RESPONSE TO THE QADHAFI VISIT.
END TEXT.
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